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Ms. Prisk:

Here's is a written version of the information that I shared with you earlier today.

1. Our Reserve Component has identified 28 current and former reserve facilities within the Philadelphia area. Twenty-five (23) of those facilities fall within the 5 counties surrounding Philadelphia (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia); the remaining three sites are in New Jersey, located about 20 miles from the Lower Darby Creek Superfund Site.
2. Eleven of the facilities are still active, that is, have some Army Reserve presence. The U.S. Army Reserve Center (USARC) in Bristol is still an active site and was also home to a former Nike Site. Of the 17 inactive facilities, ten are former Nike Sites. For your information, the Nike Sites usually consisted of two parcels of property - one for the missile launchers and once for the command and control element - which were in close proximity, but not necessarily contiguous. Most of the former Nike Sites are considered Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS), a program governed by the Corps of Engineers. We have documentation discussing waste management practices at those sites on a programmatic level. We are in the process of reviewing Corps of Engineers records to determine if we have site-specific waste management information.
3. Our Reserve Component has gathered a large volume of information and believes it has accumulated about 99% of the data for the current units and activities and about 75% of that data for the period 1956-1976. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th. After that, we will provide a listing of current and past units and activities.
4. Our search efforts have also revealed that several of the former Nike Sites were once under the control of National Guard units. We have enlisted the support of the Office of Chief Counsel for the National Guard Bureau which is seeking relevant information from the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York Guard Units that were once involved at those sites.
5. I will continue to provide periodic updates on the status of our search efforts. Thank you for sharing information about the interviews of the waste haulers. Please let me know if you find any other information concerning the Army (either active, reserve or National Guard units).

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